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title: Need to take steps to remove encroachments on Central Government lands along the Mumbai seashore.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Thank you, Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, for allowing me to raise an important issue relating to my constituency, Mumbai South Central. It is a fact that in Mumbai, limited open spaces and outdoor recreational spots are available to Mumbaikars within the City. It is also a fact that lots of spaces belonging to the Central Government and the State Government are occupied unauthorizedly by individuals and other agencies.

I would like to draw your attention to such a location which can be freed from the encroachments and serve as good spaces for citizens of Mumbai as well as tourists. In my constituency lies such a land at Mahim Causeway, Chowpatty, which belonged to the MBPT. Currently, it is being leased out to Bamboo/Timber Warehouse. This has disfigured the seashore, which we have inherited naturally. I believe that if the above Warehouse can be transferred somewhere by canceling the agreement, it can serve the purpose of providing a breathing space for the people of Mumbai.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you, I would request the Government to cancel such leasing contract and remove encroachments on Central Government lands along the Mumbai seashore.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri Arvind Sawant is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Rahul Shewale.